

**REMARKS**

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on May 8, 2006. Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-21, and 23-28 are currently pending in this application, with claims 1, 7, 11, 12, 13, 17, and 19 being independent.

*No new matter has been added.*

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action indicates a rejection of claims 1-3, 5-9, 15-21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly being anticipated by European Patent Application No. 1 187 346 to Tejas et al. (Tejas).

This rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action indicates that claims 4, 10-14 and 22 contain allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, the features of claim 4 have been wholly incorporated into claim 1 to form amended claim 1. Thus, prior claim 4 is now amended claim 1.

Also, the features of claim 10 have been wholly incorporated into claim 7 to form amended claim 7. Thus, prior claim 10 is now amended claim 7.

Claims 11-13 have been placed into independent form. In addition, the features of prior claims 11-13 have been presented as newly added claims 24-27 to depend from amended claim 7.

Moreover, the features of claim 22 have been wholly incorporated into claim 19 to form amended claim 19. Thus, prior claim 22 is now amended claim 19.

Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

### **Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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